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PASS T.O. STRIEGLER, DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, US FISH AND  
WILDLIFE SERVICE, DEPT OF THE INTERIOR

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: TBIO, PP

SUBJ: DEALERS IN PROTECTED BUTTERFLIES AND BIRDS FROM  
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED TWO LETTERS WITH ENCLOSURES FROM THE  
WILDLIFE BRANCH OF DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (FORMERLY  
MAX DOWNES SINCE RETIRED AND NOW W. LAWRENCE, ACTING SECRETARY).

2. THE FIRST LETTER REGARDS AN ADVERTISEMENT FROM AAZPA NEWS-  
LETTER, VOLUME XVI NO. 11 IN WHICH DEALER, CASA DE PETS,  
ADVERTISES THE VICTORIA AND GOURA CROWNED PIGEONS, BOTH OF WHICH  
ARE PROTECTED SPECIES IN PNG. LAWRENCE REQUESTS STREIGLER  
INVESTIGATE THE SOURCE OF BIRDS AND ADVISE THE WILDLIFE BRANCH  
OF ANY RELEVANT INFO OBTAINED.

3. SECOND LETTER NOTES PNG ACCEDED TO THE CONVENTION ON  
INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA,  
AND DOCUMENTS WERE LODGED ON DECEMBER 12, 1975. AT THAT TIME,  
PNG ASKED THAT SEVEN PROTECTED SPECIES OF BIRDWING BUTTERFLY BE  
ADDED TO APPENDIX II.

4. LAWRENCE UNDERSTANDS THAT U.S. HAS NO LAWS CONTROLLING THE  
IMPORT OF INSECTS, BUT WOULD LIKE TO ASCERTAIN IF THAT IS STILL

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THE CASE, AND IF SO, WHAT MEASURES CAN BE TAKEN WHEN APPENDIX II

IS AMENDED TO INCLUDE THESE BUTTERFLIES, PROBABLY AFTER THE  
CONFERENCE PROPOSED FOR LATER THIS YEAR.

5. LAWRENCE ALSO NOTES THAT AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS HAS GREATLY  
ASSISTED THE GPNG BY OBTAINING INFO ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL  
TRADE (IN THE UK AND GERMANY) AND MAY ASSIST FURTHER BY  
QUESTIONING SOME DEALERS IN NORTH AMERICA (CANADA AND U.S.).  
LIST OF NAMES IS PROVIDED WITH REQUEST USFWS MAKE AVAILABLE ANY  
INFO IT HAS ON TRADE IN SPECIES OF ORNITHOPTERA AND IN PARTICULAR  
DETAILS OF ORIGINAL SUPPLIERS.

6. EMBASSY WILL TRANSMIT LETTERS AND ENCLOSURES IN NEXT AIR-  
POUCH, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE CABLE REPLY TO PARA 4.  
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